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REMARKS

This paper is responsive to a final Office Action dated March 29, 2004. Claims 1-29 were examined. Claims 1, 2, 14-17, and 23-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,353,918 to Carothers et al.

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3-13, 18-22, and 27-29. Claims 3, 18, and 27 have been put in independent form.

Claims 1, 15, 16, 24 and 25 have been cancelled

Claim 2 has been amended to depend from claim 3.

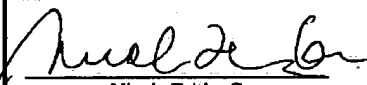
Claim 14 has been amended to depend from claim 3.

Claim 17 has been amended to depend from claim 18.

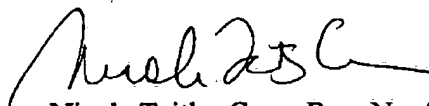
Claim 23 has been amended to depend from claim 18.

Claim 26 has been amended to depend from claim 27.

In summary, claims 2-14, 17-23, and 26-29 are in the case. All claims are believed to be allowable over the art of record, and a Notice of Allowance to that effect is respectfully solicited. Nonetheless, if any issues remain that could be more efficiently handled by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

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